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Application No. Applicant(s) Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief **ERICKSON ET AL.** 09/941,568 (37 CFR 41.37) **Art Unit** Examiner 3621 FIRMN BACKER -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--The Appeal Brief filed on <u>04 November 2005</u> is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37. To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file anamended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.

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